

## DESCRIPTION OF A NEW MARINE SHELL.

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(Plate XIX., figs. 1-3.)

## EULIMELLA MONILIFORME, n.sp.

Shell minute, thin, transparent, acicular, conical, with a small half turned over discoidal sinistral tip, whorls rounded, suture margined, deeply impressed; sculpture fine longitudinal striæ crossed by faint microscopic spiral scratches; colour glossy white; spire long, tapering slowly; whorls, besides those of the embryo, 7, rounded, increasing slowly, last constituting two-thirds of total length; mouth long, pear-shaped, rounded below and acute above; inner lip thick, defined, straight, reflected anteriorly over a minute rimation; outer lip sharp.

Length 3, breadth 1 mm.

The nearest ally of our new species appears to be *E. laxa*, Boog-Watson (Challenger Reports, Zoology, Vol. xv., p. 497, pl. 33, fig. 6), which it resembles in its rounded whorls and pear-shaped mouth, characters in which it differs from others of the genus. Some specimens have more swollen whorls than others; possibly this is a sexual feature. We collected this shell in the brackish water of Manly Lagoon, near Sydney; entangled in masses of flannel-weed (*Spirogyra*) these tiny molluscs were seen in abundance. This lagoon is separated from the ocean by a narrow sandbank thrown across the mouth of a small stream; during floods and storms this barrier is broken down and free communication then exists between the pond and the sea.

Type specimens have been deposited in the Australian Museum.